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FROM AMBASSADOR SELDEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEAN, NZ

SUBJECT: U.S.-ASEAN OVERVIEW MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 203004, STATE 202046

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED ON PRIME
MINISTER MULDOON TO BRIEF HIM ON THE RECENT U.S.-ASEAN
MINISTERIAL IN WASHINGTON. DRAWING ON REFTELS, I
EMPHASIZED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THIS
MEETING AS AN INDICATION OF A POSITIVE POST-VIETNAM
POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I ALSO underscored how
pleased we were to see cohesion evolving among the ASEAN
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STATES THEMSELVES AT A TIME WHEN THE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST NATIONS OF THE REGION APPEAR TO
BE DETERIORATING. I ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE
ASEAN NATIONS FOUND THE MEETING OF GREAT VALUE, NOT ONLY
AS A GENERAL INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WHICH WE ATTACH
TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE
SPECIFIC POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARIES VANCE

AND BLUMENTHAL ON OUR WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE AGREEMENT
ON A COMMON FUND. (FYI:AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND HAS GENERALLY TAKEN A MIDDLE-
OF-THE-ROAD POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND WITHIN GROUP B.)

2. THE PRIME MINISTER THANKED ME SINCERELY FOR THE
BRIEFING ON THIS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. I ALSO
BELIEVE THAT THE BRIEFING WAS USEFUL NOT ONLY TO ADVISE
THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE MEETING ITSELF BUT AS A
DEMONSTRATION OF THE CLOSE CONSULTATIVE RELATION
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT IS VALUED SO HIGHLY
HERE. SELDEN

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